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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the time to file a response to the final Office Action mailed January 17, 2001, be extended by three months up to and including July 17, 2001. The required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) of \$445.00 is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-68112-1/RFT/BTC/DLR).

Respectfully submitted,

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